



North Carolina State Capitol Police

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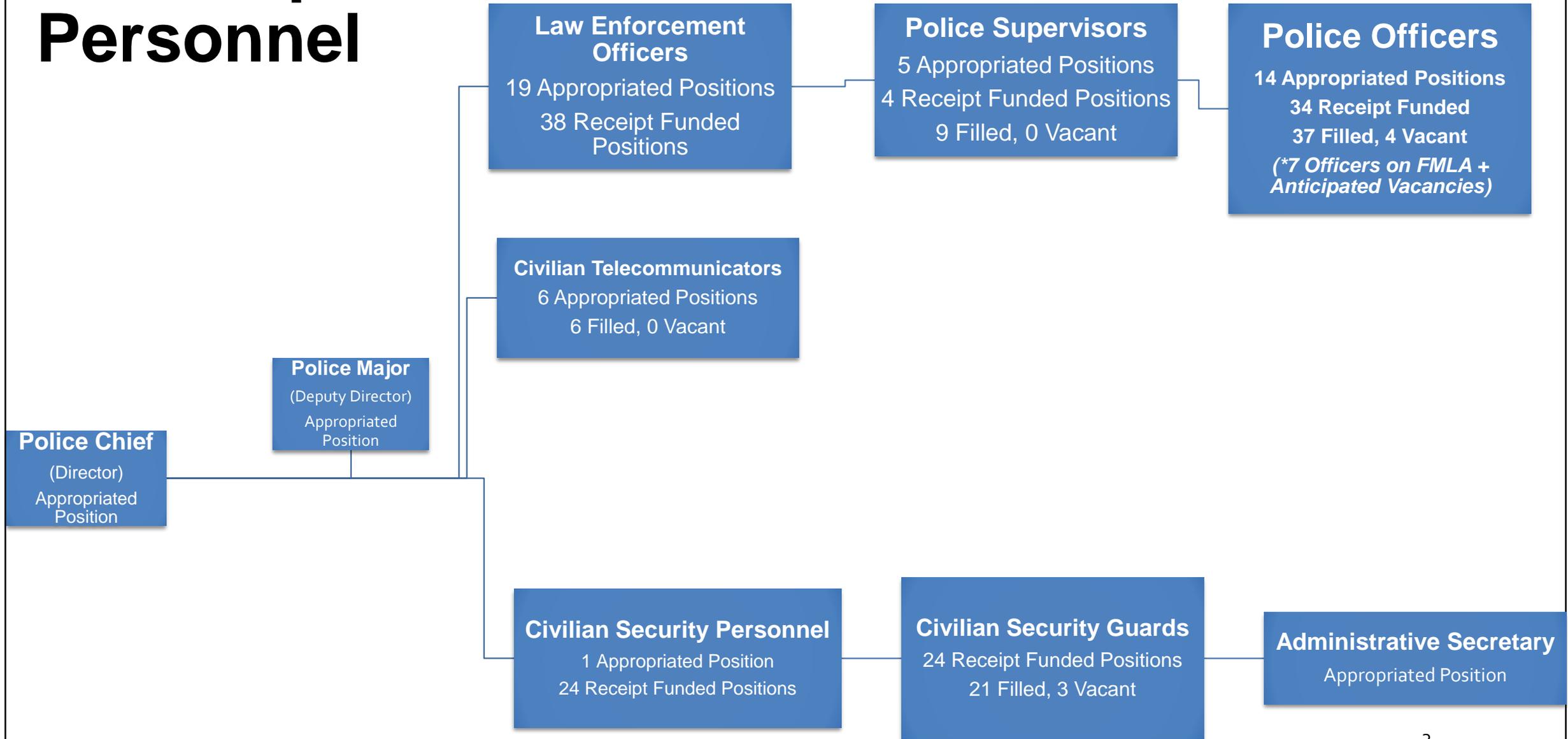
Joint Legislative
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NCDPS State Capitol Police Division

- State Capitol Police (SCP) is the law enforcement agency that provides both police and security services to state facilities.
- SCP is responsible for safety and security of employees and visitors in the downtown State Government Complex and various other state properties in Raleigh and Wake County.
- Officers are assigned to work these facilities daily.



State Capitol Police Personnel



Sites Protected by SCP

Eight (8) Hour Security Sites (8 am- 5pm) (15)		Extended 10/12 Hour Sites (5)	24 Hour Security Sites (7)
Treasurers Office	Albemarle (DOI)	DMV	Division of Information Technology
Archives (DNCR)	Archdale (DPS)	Nature Research Center (DNCR)	Dept. of Revenue
DEQ (Green Square)	Dobbs (Commerce)	Science Museum (DNCR)	Division of Employment Services (DES)
Capitol	AOC (Judicial Center)	New Education (DPI)	State Medical Lab
Old Education (DOJ)	DOT (Hwy Bldg.)	Division of Disability Services (DHHS)	Governor Morehead School (GMS)
Old Revenue (State Auditor)	Department of Administration		DHHS
Justice (Supreme Ct.)	SBI HQ		State Crime Lab
Ruffin (Ct. of Appeals)			

Number of buildings involved-

- We protect **103** distinct state locations/facilities in the downtown government complex, which includes everything from parking lots and parking decks to buildings. (This does not include the locations to which we respond outside of the downtown area.)
- We staff **27** buildings with assigned personnel, 16 of which are in the downtown government complex.

Contract Positions: Restrictions and Flexibility

- Receipt-funded (contracted) sites consider the officer to be their assigned employee.
- Contract administrators for various sites often expect distinct duties and responsibilities of designated sworn officers.
- SCP does have the flexibility to utilize the sworn officer at other locations when needed.
- The cost of the officer is not fully covered (*Equipment replacement costs, i.e. \$4,500 radios, turnover, uniforms*). *Receipt functions utilizing state resources are not covered in the service agreements, i.e. vehicles, fuel, supervision.*
- Overtime is not accounted for in every agreement for service. At this time, only 2 agencies pay for 9-hour days of service at 8a-5p buildings.
- Appropriated officers have to fill in for receipt-supported positions (*ex: injury, illness, training and approved leave, which strains our operations, and jeopardizes security and public safety responsibilities*).
- Contract insecurity hinders recruitment and retention.

Factors to Determine How Many SCP Officers are Needed

- **SHIFTS TO SCHEDULE**

- 1.4 officers needed for 8 hour shifts
- 2.1 for 10 hour shifts
- 2.6 for 12 hour shifts

*(*Estimates by DOJ)*

- **24-HOUR SERVICE FOR STATE PROPERTIES**

(Not dependent on mutual aid assistance)

- **OFFICER SAFETY**

- **TRAINING**

- **PUBLIC SAFETY**



The Job of a SCP Officer (Overview):

- **Maintain** physical security of all state buildings and grounds
- **Investigate** suspicious persons and respond to fire alarms, intrusion alarms, medical emergencies and all calls for assistance by state employees and visitors in the state government complex
- **Patrol** the state government complex, outlying state buildings, and grounds to control traffic, prevent crimes and disturbances of the peace, arrest violators and enforce laws and regulations within jurisdictional boundaries
- **Provide** daily currency escorts for State Surplus, Department of Revenue, Department of Transportation, Department of Administration, and Department of Cultural and Natural Resources (*We also provide safety escorts for individuals when requested after hours.*)
- **Conduct** crime prevention security checks at state facilities

Daily Patrol Responsibilities

- The State Government Complex (SGC) is home to the NC History Museum (**300,000 visitors**) and NC Museum of Natural Sciences which attracts nearly **1.2 million visitors annually**, more than any other attraction in the state. The SGC is the power center of North Carolina and home to some of the state's biggest tourist attractions. With the State Capitol, Legislative Building, Governor's Mansion, and **3.5 million square feet** of government office space, many of the most important decisions in the state are made in this area.
- Each year there are at least **180,000 visitors** at the State Capitol, and each is physically screened by a State Capitol Police Officer with the assistance of metal detectors.
- The SGC encompasses the core of North Carolina Government in Raleigh. Offices for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and almost all members of the Council of State work from state offices located in this area covered by State Capitol Police.
- Many other state government sites for which State Capitol Police (SCP) are responsible for policing are located throughout Wake County.

Parking & Patrol:

- Patrol twenty-eight (**28**) parking lots in the downtown complex (**8,200** parking spaces).

SCP Vehicles & Equipment

Older Vehicles (23)

- New vehicles have **not** been purchased since 2013
- Some vehicles have mileage up to 180k+ and are up to 14 years old

Segways (5)

- 3 Properly functioning
- 2 out of service due to the need for repairs

Police Bicycle (1)

The Job of a SCP Officer

Security Duties

SCP plans for and manages crowds at any and all protests, demonstrations and rallies.

(Examples: SCP regularly handles events on the Halifax Mall, large rallies at the Capitol and grounds, the Bicentennial Mall and the Governor's Mansion, etc. SCP also handles special events/assignments such as press conferences and marches.)

We provide officers for meetings and hearings such as:

- Administrative (OAH)
- Industrial Commission
- Utility Commission
- Eugenics Board
- State Board of Education
- Electoral College Voting at the Capitol
- Supreme Court/Court of Appeals
- Crim. Justice & Sheriffs Training and Standards
- Board of Ethics/Elections
- Banking Commission
- Dismissals
- Swearing-In Ceremonies
- Governor's Inauguration
- Inmate Grievance Board
- Indian Affairs

The Job of a SCP Officer Investigations

Threats against State employees (Communicating Threats):

- Governor, Council of State and Cabinet members (in conjunction with SBI)
- Department of Revenue (taxes/liens)
- Division of Employment Services (unemployment benefits)
- DMV (suspended insurance or licenses)
- All other state agencies and personnel

Provides security for:

- Supervisor/personnel actions
- Disciplinary hearings
- Separation from employment

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Investigations Continued

Police Investigations include, but are not limited to:

- Larceny/embezzlement by employees (stolen items/unauthorized fuel purchases).
- Vandalism to state facilities and state property (statues, property structures) by means of explosives and paint etc.
- Damage to property (hit and runs at parking decks/lots, elevator damage, and skateboarders).
- Investigate vehicular accidents on state property and traffic law violations on state roadways.
- Drug violations including drug trafficking, including contraband trafficked into and through Wake County prisons.
- Domestic disputes (employees and visitors).
- Indecent exposure/sexual cases, including sex by custodian and PREA Violations.
- Misdemeanor and felonious assaults, including assaults with deadly weapons.
- Death and injury investigations and evidence collection.

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Other Tasks

- Bomb threats
- Hostile acts/disturbances at state buildings
- Suspicious persons and packages at state buildings
- Panhandling (aggressive behavior)
- Subjects with Behavioral Issues
- Vagrant activities (sleeping, urination or other bodily functions in public)
- Demonstrations, protests, civil disobedience activities, etc.
(approx. 275 permits issued annually)
- Personal security/safety of state employees
- State employee escorts to their vehicles and money escorts for state departments
- Parking lot / deck Security including, Elevator entrapment response and persons looking into vehicles for criminal opportunities, or seeing if vehicles are unlocked.
- Visitors illegally parking into leased spaces (work for Dept. of Administration in enforcement capacity)
- Permitted and unpermitted event coverage

Telecommunicator/Dispatch Center

- SCP has a 24/7 dispatch center that is staffed by DCI certified telecommunicators that handle all incoming calls and police radio/computer communications.
- Telecommunicators receive and process over 34,000 alarm system calls (intrusion alarms, fire detection, smoke detection, equipment malfunction, security/panic alarms) for approximately **800 state facilities** across North Carolina.
- Monitor emergency call boxes in the downtown State Government Complex, monitor elevator emergency phones in the downtown State Government Complex, Dorothea Dix campus and other state government sites in Wake County.

SCP Dispatch Personnel Perform Computerized Background Checks for:

- North Carolina Department of Administration
- North Carolina Department of Labor
- North Carolina Department of Revenue
- North Carolina Department of Insurance
- North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation
- North Carolina Department of Lottery Commission
- North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
- North Carolina Department of State Secretary of State Police
- North Carolina Department of Administrative Office at the Courts

Providing Protection for State Workers & Visitors is Our Duty

- Number of state workers being protected - Approximately **10,000** state workers in the Downtown Government Complex, along with thousands of visitors and vendors daily.
- Approximately **115,000** students visit the Capitol each year for tours.

Thank you for your support of the State Capitol Police Department. We will continue doing our best to keep you safe.

Questions????

